of applicants, removes any need for a separate police verification procedure by the RPO.

Introduction of Scheme for Adolescent Girls

2875. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have introduced the Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) in some educationally backward States:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the main objective of the scheme:

(d) the number of Early Childhood Education Centres opened in the States. State-wise: and

(e) the extent to which the objectives have been achieved. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b). The Adolescent Girls Scheme has been introduced in 507 integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Blocks in all the States/Union Territories, which includes educationally backward States also. A statement indicating State-wise number of blocks sanctioned and number of beneficiaries covered is annexed.

(c) the objectives of the Scheme are as under :-

1. To reach to girls in the 11-18 year age group (many of whom have lost the opportunity to either enroll or complete primary schooling due to social, economic and cultural pressures).
2. To improve their nutritional and health status
3. To provide them with the required literacy and numeracy skills, through Non-formal Education/National Literacy Programme.
4. To train and equip the girls to improve and upgrade home-based skills.
5. To promote awareness of health, hygiene, nutrition and family welfare, home management and child care.
6. To gain a better understanding of their environment, related social issues and the impact on their lives.
7. To help them, understand their reproductive role and take measures that would facilitate delaying the age of marriage. (As a preventive health action towards reduction of born maternal as well a infant mortality).
8. To stimulate a desire for more social exposure and knowledge and to help hem improve their decision making capabilities.
9. To promote in the community and environment supportive to the attainment of the above goals

(d) 4365 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centres are in operation in the nine educationally backward States. The State-wise number of ECE Centre is given below :-

S.No.	State	No. of ECE Centres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	672
2.	Assam	170
3.	Bihar	340
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	65
5.	Madhya Pradesh	375
6.	Orissa	338
7.	Rajasthan	336
8.	Uttar Pradesh	1099
9.	West Bengal	970
	Total	4365

(e) The Scheme represents a special intervention, institutionalised through, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) infrastructure to cater to the health, nutrition, recreastion, awareness generation and skill improvement needs of adolescent girls in the age-group 11-18 year in rural areas. The scheme has been well received. Over 3.51 lakh girls have been covered under the Adolescent Girls Scheme. State-wise number of beneficiaries is given in statement annexed.

STATEMENT

State-wise No of blocks sanctioned and No. of beneficiaries of Adolescent Girls Scheme

S. No.	Name of the State/ UT	Total Number of Blocks	Total No. of Beneficiaries
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37	67810
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	N.A.
3.	Assam	10	N.A.
4.	Bihar	74	5578
5.	Goa	1	416
6.	Gujarat	15	42873
7.	Haryana	4	2633
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	3369
9.	J & K	2	N.A.
10.	Karnataka	23	18285
11.	Kerala	13	15547

1	2	3	4
12.	Madhya Pradesh	48	65146
13.	Maharashtra	39	20208
14.	Manipur	1	N.A.
15.	Meghalaya	1	300
16.	Mizoram	1	594
17.	Nagaland	1	N.A.
18.	Orissa	24	42614
19.	Punjab	3	1017
20.	Rajasthan	24	3934
21.	Sikkim	1	240
22.	Tamil Nadu	33	23241
23.	Tripura	1	N.A.
24.	Uttar Pradesh	99	N.A.
25.	West Bengal	41	29388
26.	A & N Island	1	100
27.	Chandigarh	1	101
28.	D & N Haveli	1	500
29.	Daman & Diu	1	447
30.	Delhi	3	4950
31.	Lakshadweep	1	N.A.
32.	Pondicharry	1	1788
	Total	507	351079

N.A. - Not Available.

Bridge on NH-31

2876. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bridges on NH-31 at Jalpaiguri damaged during 1993 flood has not yet been repaired; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Two bridges on NH-31 near Jalpaiguri, were damaged during floods in 1993. The position of bridges is as under :

(i) *Birbitigora bridge at Km. 717:*

Traffic is restored through diversion and the reconstruction of this bridges was sanctioned in April, 1995 for Rs.197.24 lakhs. Tenders have been settled by the State Govt. and construction work is likely to commence after monsoons.

(ii) *Balatorasa bridge in Km.741 :*

The existing wooden bridge was outflanked which has since been restored.

[Translation]

Formal Education Programme

2877. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the formal education programme during 1995-96;

(b) whether the above funds have been utilised by the State Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof. district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Details of funds released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during 1995-96 for development of school education are available in the Annual Report of the Ministry for the year 1995-96.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Compensation to Victims of Road Accidents

2878. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of compensation to road accident victims awarded under the Motor vehicles Act against UPSRTC by various Courts during the last two financial years;

(b) the number of awards honoured so far;

(c) the number of awards not yet settled;

(d) the number of awards against which the Corporation has filed appeal in Allahabad High Court; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irrigation Management

2879. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI SAYTAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government